Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Is this for the 9 lorries or for more lorries than 9?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: 9 lorries are expected to be purchased this year. There are 9 other lorries maintained by the Department.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: As regards the collection, transport, handling, etc., charges of 25,000 tons of fire-wood, it makes out at an average of Rs. 12. Collection practically includes everything. May I know whether you are selling the timber in the area at Rs. 12?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: The average rate is 12. At Ernakulam it is higher and at Trichur and at other centres it varies according to the need and the number of times the firefwood has to be handled.

Demand put and carried

22. Rs. 29,350 under "12 Forests—A6b"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Consetvator of Forests)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 29,350 under "A6b". The original Budget allotment under this head was only Rs. 40,000. It has been proposed to plant up 3,360 acres and do weeding operations over the advance growth over 2,000 acres so as to bring them back from state, a secondary jungle to the original state by systamatic pitchment it is also proposed to open nurseries to grow stock to plant1,250 acres for the next year. This would require about Rs. 69,000 against what has been provided in the original Budget, which as only Rs. 40,000. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried

23. Rs. 188 under "12—Forests B12"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 188 under "B12". The Machad Division Office has been shifted to a more commodious building and a higher rent has to be paid for it. There is also some outstanding rent to be paid for the Aylore Tana. Hence this request for additional allotment which may be granted.

Demand put and carried

24. Rs. 443 under "12—Forests B16"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 443 under "B16". This expenditure is necessitated by the opening of a new Division Office and towards payment of hire charges for typewriters that have been requisitioned. I request the House may be pleased to grant this.

Demand put and carried

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Cochin Vagrancy Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I move that the Cochin Vagrancy Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Arbitration Bill

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I move that the Cochin Arbitration Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Preservation of Eries Bill

Clauses 2 to 5 put and carried

Clause 6

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In clause 6(1) delete the words "do anything" and substitute the word "that." It is a verbal alteration and more psychological than of serious consequence.

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